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Books classified as biography in the school media collection for grade levels primary through senior high school are included in this advisory list. Selections were made from books which publishers submitted for evaluation; only those which were favorably reviewed by educators are listed. An unannotated list of books receiving favorable notices in the indicated reviewing sources is attached. Each entry includes citation, price if available, grade level, and annotation. (Author/KP)

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BIOGRAPHY

This bibliography lists books classifed as biography in the school media collection.

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In some cases prices were not available. Prices shown are those quoted by publishers and producers. Prices quoted do not include postage and are subject to change.

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Schools may use this list to aid in selection of materials but are in no way restricted to purchasing items included on this list.

Allen, Maury. WHERE HAVE YOU GONE, JOE DIMAGGIO? THE STORY OF AMERICA'S LAST HERO. Dutton, 1975. 222 p. $7.95. jhs shs

Smooth reading about one of the greatest living baseball players; the Yankee Clipper has become a "genuine folk hero," yet has remained a very private person even to his closest friends; this account provides some glimpses of an enduring legend through interviews with players, managers, and old friends,

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concluding with an interview with DiMaggio himself; black-and-white photographs. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Balducci, Carolyn. A SELF-MADE WOMAN: BIOGRAPHY OF NOBEL-PRIZE-WINNER GRAZIA DELEDDA. Houghton, 1975. 200 p. $6.95. jhs shs

Raised in isolated, culturally barren, late 19th-Century Sardinia, Grazia Deledda compensated for her oppressive environment by turning to writing, publishing her first work at 16 and causing a scandal in her small village; Deledda combined productive careers as writer, wife, and mother; book relies heavily on Deledda's fiction, which was expressly autobiographical, and focuses on environmental, familial, and social forces that shaped her work rather than on a reiteration of dates and places; bibliography; relevant to women's studies. (This item also appears on the Advisory List for the Reduction of Sex Bias.)

Benét, Laura. WHEN WILLIAM ROSE, STEPHEN VINCENT AND I WERE YOUNG. Dodd, 1976. 111 p. $5.95. elem-3 jhs shs

Worthwhile ramblings with Laura Benét who relates anecdotes about her childhood with William Rose and Stephen Vincent Benét; gracious writing style and beautiful examples of the imagination of children uncorrupted by television; falters only at the abrupt ending with Stephen's departure to boarding school; ample pictures of the family as they travel throughout the country as an army family; unique biography for middle school children and their teachers

Blackburn, Joyce. GEORGE WYTHE OF WILLIAMSBURG. Harper, 1975. 156 p. $7.95. jhs shs

Authoritative biography of one of America's forgotten founding fathers; Wythe was, among other things, a signer of Declaration of Independence, teacher and best friend of Thomas Jefferson, founder of first mental hospital in the Colonies, America's first law professor, and known among his contemporaries for "his compassionate spirit and pursuit of excellence"; authenticity reinforced by acknowledgements section; black-and-white drawings and photographs; selected bibliography and index; small print; absorbing story of "one of the Colonies' greatest radical scholars" whose ideas of an ordered, free society and equal opportunity under the law are as valid today as they were 200 years ago

Braun, Thomas. ON STAGE: FLIP WILSON. Childrens, 1976. 47 p. $4.95. prim-3 elem jhs shs

Another title in biographical series, The Entertainers, introducing and dramatizing lives of selected entertainers; this title, however, does much more than introduce Flip Wilson, going back to the star's deprived childhood, covering incidents before and during his outstanding career, and relating personal experiences which shaped his career as an entertainer; readers, young and old, will enjoy simplified text and familiar photographs; high-interest/low-vocabulary title which can serve to inspire as well as inform

Brooks, Janice Young. KINGS AND QUEENS: THE PLANTAGENETS OF ENGLAND. Nelson, 1975. 160 p. $6.50. elem-6 jhs shs

Deals out the 15 English kings and one queen of the Plantagenet line in chronological order; characterizes each personality according to historical fact and occasionally good-humored conjecture (Ann, wife of Richard II, "was wrapped

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in a thick layer of placid common sense"), along with events, settings, and other personalities in his/her time; a few pages given to each ruler form units which can be used as ready references; index and family charts; offers stimulation to students heretofore uninterested in history. (This item also appears on the Social Studies Advisory List.)

Burchard, Marshall. SPORTS HERO: DR. J. THE STORY OF JULIUS ERVING. Putnam, 1976. 89 p. $4.99. elem jhs shs

Another title in Sports Hero Series treating Julius Erving, the famed "Dr. J," star of New York Nets; records how Dr. J's outstanding and lucrative career initially began as a means of working off his frustrations over family problems, but determination, creativity, and gracefulness soon led him to top scorer in American Basketball Association; black-and-white photographs consistent with high-interest/low-vocabulary, large-print text. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Burchard, Marshall. SPORTS HERO: MUHAMMAD ALI. Putnam, 1975. 95 p. $4.99. elem jhs shs

Diplomatic treatment of a controversial subject, the "Louisville Lip," that doesn't reveal anything new but does exceedingly well with facts at hand; through bold type and lavishly illustrated format of other titles in the Sports Hero Series, Ali's career is smoothly unfolded from his first amateur fight at age 12 to his Zaïre bonanza with George Foreman; his refusal of draft and subsequent suspension from boxing is recounted objectively; black-and-white photographs; career data appended; good fare for reluctant readers. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Burchard, Marshall and Sue. SPORTS HERO: PHIL ESPOSITO. Putnam, 1975. 95 p. $4.69. elem jhs shs

Another in Sports Hero Series, this title takes a look at Phil Esposito, hockey player for Chicago Black Hawks; covers his early life, youthful accomplishments, and professional career; "formula sports biography" useful for high-interest/low-vocabulary readers. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Burchard, Marshall. SPORTS HERO: REGGIE JACKSON. Putnam, 1975. 93 p. $4.99. elem jhs shs

The format's familiar--large print highlighted by very good black-and-white photographs and illustrations--and it's soon apparent that this terse, crisply written account of the baseball career of Reggie Jackson is a cut above the average; traces Jackson's baseball career from his introduction to the game at the age of seven through high school, college, and the major leagues; trimmed-to-the-bone, straightforward reading. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Chidsey, Donald Barr. MR. HAMILTON AND MR. JEFFERSON. Nelson, 1975. 207 p. $6.95. jhs shs

All-inclusive, fast-paced history of entire Federalist era, not just of Hamilton and Jefferson as title implies; includes information on Washington, Burr, Shay's Rebellion, Citizen Genêt, XYZ Affair, and Jefferson's election in 1800; detailed

MR. HAMILTON AND MR. JEFFERSON. (Cont'd).

information on Jefferson and Hamilton and their differences begins the book; exciting view of history, illuminating human side of our founding fathers, and scandals and crises of governments here and abroad; Chidsey makes it all seem very recent, not 200 years old; advanced vocabulary is possibly too difficult for most junior high students, but better readers would certainly enjoy it; good for all senior high students; no illustrations, but text is so clear and accurate that pictures are hardly necessary; includes excellent bibliography; lively account of an important period in America which some students often brand dull reading--Chidsey certainly makes it entertaining (Raleigh)

Cohen, Joel H. MANNY SANGUILLEN: JOLLY PIRATE. Putnam, 1975. 127 p. $5.29. elem jhs

In baseball it is said that the catcher has to be a special breed--Manny Sanguillen is true to that breed; playing in his native Panama, Manny shows his prowess with the bat and this, combined with his conspicuous overall athletic ability, compels the Pittsburgh Pirates to sign him; enter patient coaching, a healthy attitude, and lots of hard work on Sanguillen's part and . . BINGO . . one of baseball's premier catchers evolves; extensive play-by-play commentary adds greatly to this already competent effort. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Conklin, Paul. CHOCTAW BOY. Dodd, 1975. 64 p. $4.50. elem

Interesting, effective fusion of Choctaw history, customs, games, dances, skills, legends, and contemporary living; centers on daily life of 11-year-old Clifton Henry, Choctaw boy growing up in today's Mississippi; many black-and-white photographs graphically depict text to satisfaction of poor readers and nonreaders, enabling broad appeal to elementary grades; large print; wide margins; nice quality paper; a most attractive publication

Curtis, James C. ANDREW JACKSON AND THE SEARCH FOR VINDICATION. Little, 1976. 194 p. $7.50. shs

This biography of the seventh U. S. President examines in detail Jackson's personal insecurities--his fear of death, suspicion of others, drive to assert his worth--and the extremes to which his emotions could carry him; also considers the turbulent, changing times of a growing nation influenced by a man who lacked the security of family, church, or community, and how Jackson's personality played a vital role in shaping our nation during its growing-up stage; valuable for its slant on "Old Hickory's" often ornery ways; indexed

Davis, Angela. ANGELA DAVIS: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY. Bantam, 1974. 399 p. $1.95 paper. shs

Ms. Davis covers her early life in Alabama, high school years in New York, scholarship to Brandeis, philosophy studies in Frankfurt, Germany, flight from the law, and finally her trial and acquittal; more than the experience of a unique black American, the book is an exposure of the ugliness of a society which imposes insidious, active repression on people in jails and on people who rethink their values and decide to fight for their revamped views; obviously the book is an effort to encourage other "political prisoners"; objective without being sterile, emotional without being maudlin; whether we agree with her or not, Ms. Davis offers a stimulating example of an intelligent person committed to the defense of her ideals

Davis, Burke. BLACK HEROES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. Harcourt, 1976. 80 p. $6.95. elem jhs shs

An aspect of American Revolution seldom told--the role of blacks in winning our country's independence; a tribute to countless, and some nameless, Americans "who marched and fought, spied and scouted, sailed and served as pilots" for freedom; informative resource for history, reference, and biography collections; about a dozen pages of black-and-white prints and portraits of American Revolutionary period; excellent content. (This item also appears on the Social Studies Advisory List.)

Davis, Burke. GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. Random, 1975. 497 p. $15. shs

Conscientious effort to present the "living" George Washington in a warts-and-all portrait by the expert pen of Burke Davis; book is devoted only to Revolutionary phase of Washington's life; General Washington still emerges rather aloof and enigmatic, but many carefully researched, little-known details soften and humanize our impressions; obviously adored and idolized by his own contemporaries, Washington nevertheless had his share of real faults, including a terrible temper and an inability to forgive and forget; as well-balanced a study of this great man as we are likely to get; comprehensive; well documented; good maps; excellent format; best reserved for able, motivated senior high school students; excellent teacher resource packed with information on the Revolution

Dobrin, Arnold. A LIFE FOR ISRAEL: THE STORY OF GOLDA MEIR. Dial, 1974. 98 p. $4.58. prim-3 elem jhs-7

Biography of Golda Meir which shows how closely entwined her life is with the story of Israel; gives the young reader a good understanding of how and why Israel came into existence and the devotion, selflessness, and courage which made its existence possible; black-and-white photographs throughout text; index; useful "Chronology" at the end of the book helps reinforce series of major events from 1898-1974

Ebon, Martin. SAINT NICHOLAS: LIFE AND LEGEND. Harper, 1975. 119 p. $8.95. jhs shs

Impressively illustrated story of how saintly Bishop Nicholas of Myra inspired our modern-day, merry, bewhiskered Santa Claus; illustrated with copies of ancient artworks from famous collections and with more recent Santa Claus artistic creations of Thomas Nast; bibliography; location map opposite contents page; no index but scholarly approach to the subject makes this biography valuable for reference as well as for interest reading

Ernst, John. ESCAPE KING: THE STORY OF HARRY HOUDINI. Prentice, 1975. unp. $4.95. elem

It matters little that this short biography (30 pages) lacks flair--it does carefully relate the facts of one who has been so often sensationalized; pen-and-ink sketches depict the story line, which includes examples of the Great Houdini's most famous escape tricks (in the nude or in trunks so that he could not be charged with having "tricks up his sleeve"), his exposing a spiritualist as a hoax, the incident which led to his death through a burst appendix, and his persistence in perfecting his tricks and conditioning his body; last page shares actual photographs of Houdini; stimulating reading for high-interest/"skinny-book" readers in intermediate grades

Eunson, Roby. THE SOONG SISTERS. Watts, 1975. 136 p. $5.90. jhs shs

Better known in this country as Madam Sun-yat-sen, Madam Chiang Kai-shek, and Madam Kung, the Soong sisters are portrayed as dynamic women who helped shape the history of modern China; conscientiously researched, the book is slowly paced with fascinating dips into Chinese history, World War II, and enlightening quotations from other works; although readability is not sacrificed, numerous events and characters surrounding the Soong sisters' story recommend this title to students who require more challenging material; particularly interesting to this area since the girls' father landed as a stowaway in Wilmington, N. C., was adopted, and later sent to Trinity College (Duke University) in Durham, N. C.; interesting glimpse into the contributions of women in a male-dominated era. (This item also appears on the Advisory List for the Reduction of Sex Bias.)

Evans, Mark. SCOTT JOPLIN AND THE RAGTIME YEARS. Dodd, 1976. 120 p. $4.95. elem jhs shs

As a teen-ager, Scott Joplin (1870-1917) headed East to seek his way as a piano player; tutored in classical music by a German professor, he gained exposure to the black cowboy, minstrel shows, mining camps, and many other black musicians in St. Louis and Sedalia, Missouri; soon he was acknowledged as the best of the rag composers (precursor to jazz); simple and direct, the author avoids being simplistic and didactic; the revival of rag today makes this a timely purchase--accompanied by a Scott Joplin tape, this one would furnish a quickie interest center

Faber, Doris. FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT. Abelard, 1975. 128 p. $6.95. elem

Story of Franklin Roosevelt from early childhood until his death during a fourth term as President of United States; largely based on the memoirs of people closely associated with him and on his personal letters; photographs from the FDR Library; good addition to middle-grade biography collections

Fritz, Jean. WHERE WAS PATRICK HENRY ON THE 29TH OF MAY? Coward, 1975. 48 p. $5.95. prim elem

Wonderfully good fun for lower grade readers just becoming acquainted with our nation's early heroes; traces events in life of Patrick Henry, born May 29, 1736, from early childhood as a barefoot, careless boy, through unsuccessful ventures in making a living, to a maturing, successful lawyer, orator, and governor; recounts events of various May 29's--the day of his birth, his 16th May 29 when he may have been working in his father's store, and May 29, 1777, when he was elected Governor of Virginia; exuberant, humorous, revealing; unusual historical facts throughout; good read-aloud; illustrations capture essence of Henry's flashy personality. (This item also appears on the Kindergarten-Early Childhood Education Advisory List.)

Fritz, Jean. WILL YOU SIGN HERE, JOHN HANCOCK? Coward, 1976. 48 p. $6.95. prim-3 elem

Portrays Hancock as being most concerned about his appearance, throwing lavish parties, and signing his name; Fritz's style makes interesting reading, if sometimes unorthodox and flavored with period vocabulary ("Huzza! Huzza!"); a fresh approach for us and enjoyable for children; however, other works might be used in conjunction with this light-hearted history to assess Hancock more seriously; text-accurate drawings in pen and ink, some colored in tones of

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brown, gold, gray, and pink; each page of text framed in black ink. (This item also appears on the Social Studies Advisory List.)

Fry, Plantagenet Somerset. GREAT CAESAR. Collins-World, 1974. 191 p. $6.95. elem-6 jhs shs

Excellent, readable, one-volume biography of Caesar which reports his life in glowing terms; the author, admittedly partial, reviews Caesar's strengths--popularity, astuteness, civic devotion--emphasizing the emperor's lasting impact on the Western world; authoritative, vigorous prose; maps, diagrams, photographs, and reproductions; footnoted; appendix, glossary, principal dates of Caesar's life, reading list, acknowledgements, index

Gault, Clare and Frank. PELÉ: THE KING OF SOCCER. Walker & Co., 1975. 62 p. $5.95. prim-3 elem jhs-7

A vow made at the age of eight to be as good a soccer player as his father, plus an insatiable love for the game, were catalysts in developing a poor Brazilian youth into one of the world's great athletes; fast-paced, action-filled account of legendary Pelé concentrates on his youth, later career milestones receiving only limited notice; excellent addition to high-interest/low-vocabulary collection and exciting fare for growing numbers of soccer enthusiasts; black-and-white photos and career statistics appended. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Gerson, Noel B. THE VELVET GLOVE. Nelson, 1975. 264 p. $6.95. jhs shs

Well-written, readable biography of First Lady Dolly Madison with emphasis on her life in Washington after marrying James Madison; much U. S. history and many vital personalities of the era emerge in this entertaining account; Dolly herself is an engaging, endlessly interesting figure whose courage and wit are well caught in a carefully researched but lively telling; only better junior high school readers could handle this one; bibliography and index

Gittings, Robert. YOUNG THOMAS HARDY. Little, 1975. 259 p. $10.95. shs

Both a biography and a critical analysis of Hardy's writings which reveals particularly how his complete recall of events in his early life influenced the writing of his later years; each chapter deals with effects of events of his life upon his writing; scholarly text; footnoted; indexed; consider for English literature collections, especially literary criticism shelf; particularly useful to teachers; correlated reading of sections could be assigned to senior high school students

Gleasner, Diana C. WOMEN IN SPORTS: SWIMMING. Harvey House, 1975. 63 p. $4.97. prim-3 elem jhs shs

Describes a variety of swimming events; biographies of 5 swimmers including Olympic speed swimmer Shirley Babashoff and marathon swimmer Diana Nyad; shows the hard work and extensive training required to become a champion; points out the discrimination faced by the poor and blacks as well as women; extremely positive role models for boys and girls; high-interest/low-vocabulary content. (This item also appears on the Advisory List for the Reduction of Sex Bias and the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Goolagong, Evonne, with Bud Collins. EVONNE! ON THE MOVE. Dutton, 1975. 190 p. $8.95. jhs-9 shs

A personable young woman with an unusual set of values emerges from this rather garrulous, first-person account of the ascent of Australian tennis luminary, Evonne Goolagong; diminishing inequities between male and female tennis tours and racial attitudes of people encountered (she's an Aborigine) are just two points candidly discussed; although an occasional, conspicuous lack of continuity troubles her narrative, Miss Goolagong's ability to project her personality and her skillful recounting of her more important matches shores up this appealing effort; of interest to avid tennis fan; black-and-white photographs. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Greenfield, Eloise. PAUL ROBESON. Crowell, 1975. 33 p. $4.50. prim-3 elem

Good, easy-to-read biography of an artist that is brief, about 3rd-5th grade reading level, with the usual commercial illustrations in sepia; portrays Robeson as both singer and freedom fighter; although written in 1975, some of the freedom talk already seems outdated, passé; nevertheless, little on this great artist has been written for younger readers--this one fills a gap. J.H. (This item also appears on the Cultural Arts Advisory List.)

Gurko, Leo. THOMAS WOLFE: BEYOND THE ROMANTIC EGO. Crowell, 1975. 183 p. $5.95. shs

The author's goal is to take a fresh look at Thomas Wolfe's achievement as reflected through his life, personality, and art; Chapter 1 is concise resumé of Wolfe's life with glimpses into areas revealing motivation and personality; Chapters 2-6 critique Look Homeward Angel, Of Time and the River, The Web and the Rock, You Can't Go Home Again, and Two Stories; Chapter 7 examines eight clichés about Wolfe: Were his novels autobiographical? emotionally immature? miscellaneous outpourings? without originality? a search for a lost father? gigantism? truth crippled by prejudice? obsessed by time? Useful reference contribution to collections on Wolfe

Haskins, James. DOCTOR J: A BIOGRAPHY OF JULIUS ERVING. Doubleday, 1975. 88 p. $4.95. elem jhs

One of the more perceptive looks at talented, personable basketball specialist, Julius Erving; Haskins, as with most of his fraternity when expounding on the exploits of Dr. "J", is often more press agent than objective biographer, but this one will suffice admirably until, if ever, an author appears who's completely objective toward this intriguing subject; simple, untrying, made to order for reluctant readers; black-and-white photos; glossary of terms appended. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Haskins, James. FIGHTING SHIRLEY CHISHOLM. Dial, 1975. 211 p. $5.95. elem jhs

Depicts Shirley Chisholm as spirited and independent from childhood despite strict upbringing by West Indian parents in Brooklyn who stressed education and monitored her social life; recalls other personalities who shaped U. S. history, as well as the famous Congresswoman; examples of inner workings of politics and Congressional seniority system; extras include Chisholm's legislative record and list of speeches; useful in black studies; important biography for today's child. (This item also appears on the Advisory List for the Reduction of Sex Bias.)

Hauser, Hillary. WOMEN IN SPORTS: SCUBA DIVING. Harvey House, 1976. 79 p. $4.97. prim-3 elem jhs shs

Illustrates various undersea careers: actress, photographer, scientist, aquanaut; includes husband and wife team who filmed live-shark segment for movie, Jaws; points out discrimination women divers have faced historically; excellent role-models; enjoyable for boys and girls; author knows her subject matter; numerous black-and-white action photographs; good "reluctant reader" content. (This item also appears on the Advisory List for the Reduction of Sex Bias and the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Hawke, David Freeman. FRANKLIN. Harper, 1976. 436 p. $15.95. shs

What manner of man was Benjamin Franklin? Hawke's biography (which ends in 1776 with Franklin's signing of the Declaration of Independence) seeks to answer this question by the method implied on the Franklin coat of arms, "The example presents the man"; Hawke gives us Franklin in all his complexity--scientist, philosopher, successful businessman, politician, family man, earthy humorist, both friend and foe--all drawn from Franklin's own writings and correspondence and always with an eye to events of the time; judgment of Franklin's character is ultimately left to the reader; for advanced readers. (This item also appears on the Social Studies Advisory List.)

Hovey, Tamara. JOHN REED: WITNESS TO REVOLUTION. Crown, 1975. 227 p. $6.95. jhs-9 shs

Written by daughter of Carl Hovey (editor of METROPOLITAN MAGAZINE), who used unpublished letters from John Reed to her father as sources for portions of this book; intense, creative, and daring, Reed pioneered in social reform areas as a journalist reporting firsthand on such actions as silk weavers' strike, peasant rebellion in Mexico, Russia under Lenin, etc.; for above-average readers

Jacobs, William Jay. EDGAR ALLAN POE: GENIUS IN TORMENT. McGraw, 1975. 138 p. $5.72. elem-6 jhs shs

Comprehensive biography for the young reader successfully combining all elements of the mature biography; interweaves chronology of Poe's life, offers occasional footnotes where reports conflict without allowing notes to interfere with readability, alludes to events which come to bear on the man and his work, and discusses Poe's work with clarity and enthusiasm; includes a narrative and a chronological list of events in Poe's life; indexed; a grand introduction to Poe the man, and an impetus to read his works. (This item also appears on the Languages Advisory List.)

Jacobs, William Jay. ROBERT CAVELIER DE LA SALLE. Watts, 1975. 57 p. $4.90. elem jhs-7

A biography which also gives interesting factual information about early settlement of North America by French; black-and-white illustrations and reproductions of authentic prints, documents, maps; lists sources of information, which include La Salle's letters and journals; indexed; for the better reader

Johnston, Johanna. FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED: PARTNER WITH NATURE. Dodd, 1975. 125 p. $4.95. elem jhs

Chronological account emphasizing places, people, and events influential in shaping Frederick Law Olmsted's career as landscape architect; best known for

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Central Park in New York City, his work extended across the nation--parks in Boston, Washington, D. C., San Francisco, Biltmore House in Asheville, N. C.; bibliography; index; biographical note on author

Kelen, Betty. MUHAMMAD: THE MESSENGER OF GOD. Nelson, 1975. 278 p. $6.95. jhs-9 shs

Surveys life of Muhammad, founder of Islamic faith, against backdrop of society and customs of his time; examines his attempts to bring polytheistic tribes of Arabia to worship one God despite his lack of preparation for role of religious and political leader; mixes rational interpretations with traditional accounts to create a biographical work which reads like a novel; historical background on Middle Eastern wars so prominent in the evening news. (This item also appears on the Social Studies Advisory List.)

Kowet, Don. PELÉ. Atheneum, 1976. 129 p. $6.95. jhs shs

Traces rise of Pelé, world's most famous soccer player, from poverty to stardom; focuses on impact his coming to America from Brazil has had on growth of soccer in America. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Kurtz, Henry Ira. CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH. Watts, 1976. 57 p. $4.90. elem

Brief but authentic, well-documented biography of John Smith, a complex man; born into lowly tenant family, he rose to heights during Queen Elizabeth I's reign, playing key role in opening New World; many illustrations from Captain Smith's own works; indexed; for "reluctant" high school readers

Libby, Bill. CATFISH: THE THREE MILLION DOLLAR PITCHER. Coward, 1976. 223 p. $7.95. elem-6 jhs shs

Any Tarheel child will thrill to the example of "Catfish" Hunter, native of Ahoskie, North Carolina; these fast-paced ramblings are more baseball than Catfish; no index, but a chart of the three-million dollar pitcher's baseball record; ideal for sports fans and less motivated readers. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Libby, Bill. PHIL ESPOSITO: HOCKEY'S GREATEST SCORER. Putnam, 1975. 155 p. $5.95. jhs

Covers hockey star Phil Esposito's exploits of 1974-75 season; Esposito became hockey's greatest scorer while playing with Chicago Black Hawks, Boston Bruins, and New York Rangers; no illustrations or pictures. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

MacBride, Roger Lea, ed. WEST FROM HOME: LETTERS OF LAURA INGALLS WILDER TO ALMANZO WILDER, SAN FRANCISCO, 1915. Harper, 1974. 124 p. $4.79. $1.50 paper. elem jhs shs

We travel with Laura Ingalls Wilder in this collection of previously unpublished letters relating her trip from Rocky Ridge Farm, Missouri, to San Francisco, California, to visit her daughter, Rose Wilder Lane, a well-known journalist herself; she reports to her husband the spectacle of the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition, the price of eggs, wonders of the Carnation milking machine, and

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price of land in Mill Valley; though she was not to write her famous "Little House" books until the 1930's, she busied herself with articles for her hometown newspaper, one of which is abridged in appendix; enjoyable bit of history and a new look at Wilder, complete with explanatory footnotes and period photographs

McDearmon, Kay. MAHALIA, GOSPEL SINGER. Dodd, 1976. 45 p. $4.50. prim-3 elem

Brief, revealing account of a great woman whose struggles and successes are described in simple, easy to read prose; traces Mahalia Jackson's impoverished childhood, her career as famous gospel singer, and her rise to "queen of gospel singers"; useful for individual and group study (motivational, innovative, inspirational); black-and-white illustrations

Margolies, Marjorie, and Ruth Gruber. THEY CAME TO STAY. Coward, 1976. 352 p. $8.95. shs-12

Margolies, a television reporter, decides to adopt a hard-to-place (school age), Korean orphan; despite her unmarried status, she overcomes agency objections by sheer persistence and help from parents and lawyers; Margolies locates a child herself, cutting through almost impossible red tape to bring her to U. S.; Lee Heh, who is extremely bright, adapts so easily and happily that Margolies decides to adopt a Vietnamese child four years later; Holly, however, has psychological as well as physical problems, and co-author Gruber travels to Viet Nam to search out her background in order to understand her problems; funny, moving, honest appraisal of problems of adopting children from different cultures and unknown backgrounds; for a special audience

Meade, Marion. WOMEN IN SPORTS: TENNIS. Harvey House, 1975. 78 p. $4.97. prim-3 elem jhs shs

Brief introduction to game of tennis, plus biographies of five top female players, including Chris Evert, Billie Jean King, and Evonne Goolagong Cawley; excellent role-models for girls; realistic view of lives of professional tennis players--the mixture of glamor and hard work; section entitled "The Game" is cut-and-dry, but the rest is fascinating reading; black-and-white action photographs. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List and the Advisory List for the Reduction of Sex Bias.)

Milverstedt, F. M. THE QUIET LEGEND: HENRY AARON. Childrens, 1975. 47 p. $4.95. elem jhs shs

Flashbacks on career of Henry Aaron, pictured in summer of 1975 as an aging superstar whose chief assets are no longer a booming bat, rifle arm, and flawless fielding but rather his experience and the inspiration his presence affords the very young Milwaukee ball club; to the question of why did Hank have to break Babe Ruth's home run record before his value was recognized, the theory is ventured that his unassuming nature, plus presence of more flamboyant players, had much to do with this oversight; substantial high-interest/low-vocabulary material; many color photographs. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Mitchell, George. YESSIR, I'VE BEEN HERE A LONG TIME: THE FACES AND WORDS OF AMERICANS WHO HAVE LIVED A CENTURY. Dutton, 1975. 124 p. $8.95. elem jhs shs

Poignant photographs and vignettes of Americans aged 96 to 129; their testamonies of long life consist of anything from a few lines to detailed descriptions and stories; Mr. Charlie Smith (129) from Bartow, Florida, remembers how he was lured on to a slave ship, and Mrs. Annie Christian (100) remembers Jesse James coming to town; some despair ("my daughter waiting on me and I can't do nothing to help her back in return") and some rejoice ("I'm going to be 125"); some realistic looks at the old for the young

Morse, Ann. JANET LYNN. Childrens, 1976. 31 p. $4.95. prim-3 elem

Another title in the Superstars Series on outstanding professional athletes; briefly reviews life of Janet Lynn Nowicki who began her skating career at age of 2½ and soon became the "world's favorite figure skater"; emphasizes her will power and role of a loving family in winning her fame; a few black-and-white and full-color illustrations are unappealing and add little to format; good for the right child but may not interest just any child. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Nicholson, William G. PETE GRAY: ONE-ARMED MAJOR LEAGUER. Prentice, 1976. unp. $5.95. prim-3 elem

Simple, inspiring story of a youth determined to realize a dream despite the loss of an arm in an accident at the age of six; well illustrated and brief enough to keep young readers interested. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Percival, John. NUREYEV: ASPECTS OF THE DANCER. Putnam, 1975. 256 p. $8.95. jhs-9 shs

Comprehensive overview of Nureyev's life to this time; photos show him during years off and on stage; the onstage pics bring back beautiful memories of excellence he portrays to those who have seen him; to those who haven't, they reveal the reason he is so renowned; also an inspiring book on courage, perseverance, and the old adage, "It's never too late"--since Rudolf Nureyev started as a teen-ager and needed to undo the muscle growth that had taken place during his childhood years while he was not being trained; he suffered much pain and agony, personal and physical, which he overcame. (This item also appears on the Cultural Arts Advisory List.)

Plath, Sylvia. LETTERS HOME: CORRESPONDENCE 1950-1963. SELECTED AND EDITED WITH COMMENTARY BY AURELIA SCHOBER PLATH. Harper, 1975. 502 p. $12.50. shs

Portrays the late Sylvia Plath through her letters home from Smith College and during her life in London as a single parent and promising poet-writer; despite her mental instability, Plath shines throughout letters as exuberant and ambitious (her suicide at age 30 is nowhere mentioned); Plath and her mother had an odd love/hate relationship which this publication by her mother seems anxious to refute; extensive body of letters (most written to her mother, some to her brother, a few to her benefactress) selected and edited by her mother from close to a thousand letters written in less than 13 years; lengthy introduction and background information prefacing many sections are not adequate for a thorough look at Sylvia Plath's life; one wonders about letters not selected for publication, as well as elipses in many that appear; 22 poems also reprinted for

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a sampling of her works; important for American literature collections although other, more objective biographical material certainly should be available too

Powledge, Fred. BORN ON THE CIRCUS. Harcourt, 1976. 96 p. $7.95. prim-3 elem

Students will enjoy reading about a real, live 11-year-old who travels with Hoxie Brothers Circus; Armando Christiani participates in family circus act, juggling, performing on trampoline, riding a horse, and helping with leopard act; the text, though dull silent reading, is best described as true-to-life television journalism; interviews with Armando and his family sprinkled with background narration; photographs alone (black and white) appearing on almost every page merit purchase; both text and photography are work of native North Carolinian; one can make slides of the photographs, record the text--instant slide/tape show

Schultz, Pearle Henriksen. GENEROUS STRANGERS: SIX HEROES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. Vanguard, 1975. 197 p. $6.95. jhs shs

American Revolutionary history and biography of six foreigners: Lafayette and Rochambeau from France, De Kalb and Von Steuben from Germany, Pulaski and Kosciuszko from Poland, all bound together in an interesting, well-developed work drawn in part from previously untouched sources; long chapters on each statesman showing how he advanced America's war effort against Britain; much information on some often overlooked supporters; especially useful for study of military tactics and strategy; crisp, colorful prose. (This item also appears on the Social Studies Advisory List.)

Sheaffer, Louis. O'NEILL: SON AND ARTIST. Little, 1973. 750 p. $5.95 paper. shs

1974 Pulitzer Prize winner in biography and sequel to the author's O'NEILL: SON AND PLAYWRIGHT; detailed, documented account of the famous American playwright from his first Broadway success (Beyond the Horizon, 1920) until his death in 1953; in chronological order, the book covers death of O'Neill's father, Strindberg as O'Neill's "alter-ego," O'Neill's victory over alcohol, marriage to Carlotta Monterey, bout with parkinson's disease, rejection of Shane and Oona (his children by Agnes), and his death; objectively relates events and personalities in O'Neill's life to plays themselves; appendix lists plays in alphabetical order; also appended is each chapter title, citing sources of its information; good print; these lists, some fine photographs, and the index combine to furnish an encyclopedic work which serves as ready reference for student and teacher alike. (This item also appears on the Languages Advisory List.)

Shepherd, Jack. THE ADAMS CHRONICLES: FOUR GENERATIONS OF GREATNESS. Little, 1975. 448 p. $17.50. jhs shs

Text-and-picture, chronological account of four generations of the patriotic Adamses, covering first 150 years of American history; published and presented in coordination with Public Broadcasting Service television series of same title; critical introductory chapter on "A Family in the Public Service" by Daniel J. Boorstin; selected bibliography, picture credits, index which indicates illustrations in italics; excellent one-volume, readable reference. (This item also appears on the Social Studies Advisory List.)

Smith, Lacey Baldwin. ELIZABETH TUDOR: PORTRAIT OF A QUEEN. Little, 1975. 234 p. $8.95. shs

Informative, witty, fun-to-read biography of Elizabeth R.; the author, a widely acclaimed Tudor authority, analyzes Elizabeth's character and personality and assesses diplomatic and political aspects of her reign in attempts to explain "the peculiar nature of her amazing success"; bibliographical notes and index appended; scholarly work written with a light touch--absorbing, easy reading

Southall, Ivan. FLY WEST. Macmillan, 1974. 174 p. $6.95. elem-6 jhs shs

First-person narrative of tense, dramatic rescue missions made by flying boats called the Sunderlands (huge amphibious aircraft); author was a young rookie in Austrialian air force during World War II; rather than dealing with combat, he details the fears, concerns, and ordeals of survival encountered in execution of rescues; for better than average readers and World War II buffs

Spender, Stephen. T. S. ELIOT. Viking, 1976. 269 p. $8.95. shs

Beautifully written introduction to one of the 20th Century's most influential poets as interpreted by another outstanding modern poet; Spender concerns himself chiefly with Eliot's complicated work and its influence on contemporary literature, examining Eliot the poet, the dramatist, and the critic as a whole rather than "separating" the artist into three categories; overall, the book is more literary criticism than factual biography, with Spender interpreting Eliot's genius, his turn of mind, his gloom over the decline in society's values, his prejudices, his "ritualistic" attitude toward life--and how these qualities and opinions directly influenced his writing; Spender, of course, writes with beauty, poise, and penetration, his complete ease with words and his own imaginative resources adorning the substance of his views; a first-person account, more in the form of critical essays, though certainly including all the essential biographical data; a splendid, readable publication written with care and insight. (This item also appears on the Languages Advisory List.)

Starkey, Marion L. THE TALL MAN FROM BOSTON. Crown, 1975. 46 p. $5.95. elem

The indictment and narrow escape of John Alden (Priscilla's son) during 1692 witch hunt in Salem Village; charged by several young girls and described by the slave Tituba as the person "putting the evil hand" on the girls, Alden was brought from Boston to stand trial, eventually found guilty, and placed under house arrest; after reading Biblical passage that a "live dog is better than a dead lion," Alden fled to a friend's home in Plymouth and finally to freedom; enrichment reading on colonial life; black-and-white illustrations; scant text; very interesting. (This item also appears on the Social Studies Advisory List.)

Stevens, Eden Vale. BUFFALO BILL. Putnam, 1976. 63 p. $4.29. prim-3 elem

Easy, informative biography of Buffalo Bill devoting much content to his family, a feature omitted in many biographies; describes Buffalo Bill's home, family background, his father who had to leave his family and live in danger because of his beliefs, and the dangerous and exciting adventures of travelling in the Wild West; black-and-white line drawings

Sullivan, George. BOBBY BONDS: RISING SUPERSTAR. Putnam, 1976. 126 p. $5.29. elem jhs shs-10

Major league baseball graphically illustrated in a sympathetic look at career of outfielder, Bobby Bonds; vividly projects hand-to-mouth existence of minor leaguer; management insensitivity to trades and other player-related situations, batting slump frustrations, and disappointment of untimely injuries; easy, appealing reading. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Syme, Ronald. GERONIMO: THE FIGHTING APACHE. Morrow, 1975. 95 p. $4.95. elem jhs-7

Attempts to blend biography, historical events, and cultural setting with emphasis on struggle between Indian and white man; lacking as a biography, the large print and interesting inclusions of battles and quotations from Geronimo will intrigue slow, methodical readers who love Indian stories

Terry, Walter. FRONTIERS OF DANCE: THE LIFE OF MARTHA GRAHAM. Crowell, 1975. 177 p. $5.95. jhs-9 shs

Martha Graham portrayed as dynamic force in pioneering contemporary dance; includes philosophy, method, and catalog of her best known choreography; the author, well-known dance critic and friend of Miss Graham's, assumes easy, informal writing style without losing objectivity; important addition to dance collection, less important to biographical collection; photography appropriately placed to highlight comments on various choreographic works. (This item also appears on the Cultural Arts Advisory List.)

Thébaud, Francois. PELÉ. Harper, 1976. 166 p. $8.95. shs

Meticulous study attempting to identify intangibles responsible for world-wide appeal of Brazilian soccer great, Pelé; measures Pelé's skills against other world-class players, concluding that creativity combined with overall excellence, plus his demeanor, account greatly for Pelé's eminence; foreign names and soccer terms extensively used will vex some readers; commendable effort for senior high students with knowledge of soccer basics; box scores from Brazilian national team games and career milestones appended. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Tobias, Tobi. ARTHUR MITCHELL. Crowell, 1975. 32 p. $4.50. prim-3 elem

One of a biographical series on distinguished, successful people from American minority races aimed at students who need enticement to read; simple, reasonable story about Arthur Mitchell, a fine black dancer; fortunately, Mitchell has been able to devote his life more to dancing than to social struggle, providing inspiration here for readers of any color; decently priced series which fills a need. (This item also appears on the Cultural Arts Advisory List.) J.H.

Towne, Peter. GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER. Crowell, 1975. 33 p. $5.25. prim elem-4

Another title in the Crowell Biography Series on outstanding minority race figures; easy reading on George Washington Carver, born a slave but dedicated to improving his life and helping "his people"; green/brown-toned and black-and-white drawings

Van Steenwyk, Elizabeth. DOROTHY HAMILL: OLYMPIC CHAMPION. Harvey House, 1976. 55 p. $4.99. elem jhs shs

Comely Dorothy Hamill skims and spins through the pages of this brief, hurry-up tribute to America's new sweetheart; lots of black-and-white photos and up-to-date information on the 1976 Winter Olympics at Innsbruck; easy text; high-interest/low-vocabulary content for high school groups. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Vaughn, Alden T. AMERICAN GENESIS: CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH AND THE FOUNDING OF VIRGINIA. Little, 1975. 207 p. $6.95. jhs shs

Pulls together the story of Captain John Smith from sources 350 years old, using when possible the words of men who founded British colonies; gives readers more than biography of Captain Smith by recording beginnings of English stronghold in New World; black-and-white pictures and drawings; indexed; valuable for reference on beginnings of our nation. (This item also appears on the Social Studies Advisory List.)

Wagner, Frederick. ROBERT MORRIS, AUDACIOUS PATRIOT. Dodd, 1976. 145 p. $4.95. jhs-9 shs

This lesser known signer and supporter of Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, and Constitution was also a successful businessman and shrewd financier of American Revolution; copies of photographs and paintings in center section of book; indexed. (This item also appears on the Social Studies Advisory List.)

Walker, Greta. WOMEN TODAY: TEN PROFILES. Hawthorn, 1975. 175 p. $6.95. elem-6 jhs shs

Collective biography presenting factual, informal, and personal information about 10 women in varied careers, including Betty Friedan--feminist writer/lecturer, Dorothy Pitman Hughes--day care center organizer, Marlene Sanders--television producer, Gertrude Schimmel--police inspector, and Gloria Steinem--women's rights activist; photographs of each woman; suggested reading list about other women; indexed. (This item also appears on the Social Studies Advisory List.)

Wayne, Bennett, ed. FOUR WOMEN OF COURAGE. Garrard, 1975. 167 p. $4.48. prim-3 elem

Biographies of four women showing courage in many forms; flyer Jacqueline Cochran overcame an unhappy, impoverished childhood to become a nurse, millionaire, and pilot; Helen Keller and Dorothea Dix dedicated their lives to improving care of handicapped and insane; Linda Richards became America's first trained nurse in face of much opposition by doctors and patients; exciting reading for boys and girls augmented by drawings and black-and-white photographs; smoothly written. (This item also appears on the Advisory List for the Reduction of Sex Bias.)

White, Florence M. CESAR CHAVEZ: MAN OF COURAGE. Dell, 1973. 96 p. $.95 paper. prim-3 elem

Brief, readable life story of Chavez, focusing on his contribution to organization of first migrant farm workers' union, National Farm Workers' Association, and resultant improvement in conditions for Mexican-Americans; high-interest/low-vocabulary material; indexed

Williams, Selma R. DEMETER'S DAUGHTERS: THE WOMEN WHO FOUNDED AMERICA, 1587-1787. Atheneum, 1975. 359 p. $9.95. shs

Detailed, comprehensive history of women in colonial America; treats varied important contributions of women (Indian, white, and black): first settlers, servants, slaves, housewives, landowners, writers, witches, teachers, editors, political activists; focuses especially on rights of women: in return for their indispensability, colonial women won special opportunities and status unheard of in Europe, some of which was lost as prosperity grew toward end of 18th century; useful source for research papers, but also interesting reading; clearly written and full of brief stories from women's lives; bibliography; index; black-and-white illustrations. (This item also appears on the Advisory List for the Reduction of Sex Bias and the Social Studies Advisory List.)

Wolfe, Ellen. WILLIAM BELTZ. Dillon, 1975. 58 p. $4.95. elem

Surveys Eskimo life-style and customs in a sketchy portrait of Willy Beltz (1912-1960), son of a Pennsylvania gold hunter and Eskimo mother, who pushed statehood for Alaska and served in the Alaska State Senate; valuable addition to elementary collections for the Alaskan history covered and the insight into Eskimo culture; important for biography collections representing all aspects of American experience; black-and-white photographs

Young, B. E. THE PICTURE STORY OF FRANK ROBINSON. Messner, 1975. 63 p. $5.29. $1.95 paper. elem jhs

Interesting account of Frank Robinson's baseball career from high school days through numerous trades, winning of two Most Valuable Player awards in both leagues and the Triple Crown Award, to his highest distinction as [illegible]er of Cleveland Indians; wide margins; large print; many black-and-white pictures. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Books in a Series

Burchard, S. H. SPORTS STAR SERIES. Harcourt, 1976. each 64 p. each $4.95. each $1.95 paper. prim-3 elem

BOB GRIESE
FRANCO HARRIS
JIM "CATFISH" HUNTER
PELÉ

Easy biographical series on national and international sports heroes; skillfully written, covering interesting, relevant facts about athletes, their families, and others who helped them to fame; high-interest/low-vocabulary content; black-and-white photographs and line drawings; large print; good for reading aloud or for individual enjoyment. (This item also appears on the Health, Safety and Physical Education Advisory List.)

Lee, Susan and John. HEROES OF THE REVOLUTION. Childrens, 1974. each 47 p. each $3.95. elem

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Simply written account of our first President's days as a young man, his work as a surveyor at age 16, and his military leadership in Colonial American army; dispels "cherry tree myth"; good illustrations

HEROES OF THE REVOLUTION. (Cont'd).

SAM AND JOHN ADAMS

Simple but effective account of Revolutionary War events describes beliefs and actions of two very different Colonial American Cousins, John and Sam Adams; John became President of United States, but Sam became the "Mob Master of Boston" for inciting colonists to rebel against England's tyrannies; unusual, colorful illustrations; durable binding. (This item also appears on the Social Studies Advisory List.)

Morse, Charles and Ann. ROCK 'N POP STARS. Childrens. each 31 p. each $4.95.
JOHN DENVER. 1975. elem jhs
OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN. 1976. elem-6 jhs shs

Two chatty biographies from Childrens Press series called Rock 'N Pop Stars; five dollars each for 30 pages, "pop"-style watercolors of the stars, and skinny-book appeal (don't you wish you had thought of writing this?), all designed to capitalize on teen fan market; texts read like a fan magazine, but one wishes for EASY vocabulary so the so-called slower students could have fun--these are not all one-syllable words by a long shot; others in series inlcude Barbra Streisand, Charlie Rich, Diana Ross, Elton John, Neil Diamond, Carol King, Frank Sinatra, and the Osmonds; these books will last about as long as most of these artists, excpet Ol' Blue Eyes, of course! Consider your students' interests before purchase--keep in mind that some will read these who wouldn't touch anything else, although the reading level in these is not low. J.H. (This item also appears on the Cultural Arts Advisory List.)

PERSONAL CLOSE-UPS. Childrens, 1975. each 30 p. each $4.95. elem jhs shs
Eldred, Patricia Mulrooney. ROSE KENNEDY: AN ENERGIZING SPIRIT
Morse, Ann and Charles. MARGARET MEAD: WORLD'S GRANDMOTHER
Taylor, Paula. HENRY KISSINGER: WORLD STATESMAN
Taylor, Paula, and Norita Larson. WALTER CRONKITE: THIS IS WALTER CRONKITE

Contemporary personalities realistically portrayed in simple language; succinct but not choppy, these skinny volumes have a place in schools involving students in relevant issues by using events and personalities in media rather than competing with media for students' attention; each biography includes individual's life and career but, more importantly, focuses on philosophy and human qualities of each; human errors are neither overlooked nor accented; illustrations are colorful collages with pen-and-ink outlines

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Berkman, Ted. THE LADY AND THE LAW: THE REMARKABLE LIFE OF FANNY HOLTZMANN. Little, 1976. 403 p. $12.50. shs-12 BKL KR LJ PW

Blair, Joan and Clay, Jr. THE SEARCH FOR J.F.K. Putnam, 1976. 608 p. $12.95. shs BKL BRD KR LJ PW

Chipperfield, Jimmy. MY WILD LIFE: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY. Putnam, 1975. 219 p. $8.95. shs BKL BRD LJ PW

Desmond, Alice Curtis. TITUS OF ROME. Dodd, 1976. 275 p. $5.95. elem-6 jhs shs-10 KR SLJ

Furlong, Monica. PURITAN'S PROGRESS. Coward, 1975. 223 p. $8.95. jhs-9 shs BKL BRD C KR LJ PW

Goldstone, Richard H. THORTON WILDER: AN INTIMATE PORTRAIT. Sat. Rev. Pr., 1975. 299 p. $11.95. shs BKL* BRD C KR PW

Izenberg, Jerry. GREAT LATIN SPORTS FIGURES: THE PROUD PEOPLE. Doubleday, 1976. 105 p. $6.70. elem jhs BKL KR SLJ*

James, D. Clayton. THE YEARS OF MACARTHUR: VOLUME II, 1941-1945. Houghton, 1975. 939 p. $15. shs BKL C KR LJ PW

Johnson, William Weber. CORTÉS. Little, 1975. 238 p. $8.95. shs-12 BRD C KR LJ

Kearns, Doris. LYNDON JOHNSON AND THE AMERICAN DREAM. Harper, 1976. 432 p. $12.50. shs BKL* BRD KR LJ PW

Kitchen, Paddy. A MOST UNSETTLING PERSON: THE LIFE AND IDEAS OF PATRICK GEDDES, FOUNDING FATHER OF CITY PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTALISM. Sat. Rev. Pr., 1975. 351 p. $10.95. shs BRD LJ

Kostich, Dragos D. GEORGE MORRISON: THE STORY OF AN AMERICAN INDIAN. Dillon, 1976. 66 p. $4.95. elem jhs KR

Lardner, Ring, Jr. THE LARDNERS: MY FAMILY REMEMBERED. Harper, 1976. 371 p. $12.95. shs-12 BKL C KR LJ PW

Lee, Laurie. I CAN'T STAY LONG. Atheneum, 1975. 230 p. $6.95. shs BKL BRD KR LJ PW

Mann, Peggy. LUIS MUÑOZ MARÍN: THE MAN WHO REMADE PUERTO RICO. Coward, 1976. 128 p. $5.86. elem jhs KR

Marlow, Joyce. THE UNCROWNED QUEEN OF IRELAND: THE LIFE OF 'KITTY' O'SHEA. Sat. Rev. Pr., 1975. 334 p. $13.95. Teacher use BKL* BRD C KR LJ PW

Nelson, Mary Carroll. ROBERT BENNETT: THE STORY OF AN AMERICAN INDIAN. Dillon, 1976. 74 p. $4.95. elem jhs SLJ

Pernoud, Régine. BLANCHE OF CASTILE. Coward, 1975. 319 p. $8.95. shs BRD C KR LJ PW

Posey, Sam. THE MUDGE POND EXPRESS: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY. Putnam, 1976. 318 p. $8.95. shs KR LJ PW

Ross, Josephine. SUITORS TO THE QUEEN: THE MEN IN THE LIFE OF ELIZABETH I OF ENGLAND. Coward, 1975. 198 p. $8.95. shs BKL BRD KR LJ PW

Sanger, Marjory Bartlett. ESCOFFIER, MASTER CHEF. Farrar, 1976. 214 p. $6.95. jhs shs BKL KR SLJ

Smith, Gene. THE HORNS OF THE MOON: A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF HITLER. Dell, 1973. 171 p. $1.25 paper. elem-6 jhs shs BKL BRD KR PW SLJ

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Wilks, Brian. THE BRONTËS. Viking, 1975. 144 p. $14.95. jhs-9 shs BKL BRD C KR LJ PW

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Random - Random House School and Library Services, Inc., 201 East 50th Street, New York, New York 10022

Sat. Rev. Pr. - Saturday Review Press, 201 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10017

Vanguard - Vanguard Press, Inc., 424 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017

Viking - Viking Press, Inc., 625 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022

Walker & Co. - Walker & Company, 720 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10019

Watts - Franklin Watts, Inc., 845 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022

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ADVISORY LIST OF INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA

BIOGRAPHY

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The levels at which books may be used most effectively are indicated by "K" (Kindergarten), "prim" (primary: Grades 1-3), "elem" (elementary: Grades 4-6), "jhs" (junior high school: Grades 7-8[9]), and "shs" (senior high school: Grades [9]10-12). The insertion of an arabic numeral after the grade level indicates that the book is especially pertinent at that specific grade level--e.g., "prim-2," "elem-6."

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Schools may use this list to aid in selection of materials but are in no way restricted to purchasing items included on this list.

Agnelli, Susanna. WE ALWAYS WORE SAILOR SUITS. Bantam, 1975. 217 p. $1.95 paper.
jhs shs

Fast-reading memoir of Susanna Agnelli, recording life in Fascist Italy (1922-1945) as she remembers it; sensitively written, with charm and appeal for young people as well as adults; her grandfather's founding of Fiat empire not stressed, nor her wealthy background

Anderson, LaVere. MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE: TEACHER WITH A DREAM. Garrard, 1976.
80 p. $3.40. prim elem-4

Fictionalized, easy-to-read account of black educational leader, Mary McLeod Bethune; much fictionalized dialogue; illustrated; chief attraction is simple vocabulary level; typical Garrard Discovery Book

Angelou, Maya. SINGIN' AND SWINGIN' AND GETTIN' MERRY LIKE CHRISTMAS. Random, 1976.
269 p. $8.95. shs

In sequel to I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS and GATHER TOGETHER IN MY NAME, poet Angelou details an unfortunate marriage, career as calypso singer and dancer/

SINGIN' AND SWINGIN' AND GETTIN' MERRY LIKE CHRISTMAS. (Cont'd)

singer in cast of PORGY AND BESS touring Europe; sensitive, warm, frank; reads like fiction; excellent insight into modern black experience; sophisticated content for motivated readers; could be controversial to someone looking for trouble

Atkin, Mary Gage. PAUL CUFFE AND THE AFRICAN PROMISED LAND. Nelson, 1977. 160 p. $6.95. elem-6 jhs shs

Prosperous, black, but disillusioned with his own status and that of fellow blacks, Paul Cuffe sought in 1810 to establish a colony in Africa; drawing extensively from Cuffe's personal log, text vividly re-creates his quest for implementing his dream

Baker, Donna. ARTISTS IN OUR WORLD: FREDERIC REMINGTON. Childrens, 1977. 64 p. $5.95. prim-3 elem jhs

Brief biography of New Yorker who went West and caught a vision of a passing era which he began to depict in sketches and paintings; introduces one of America's most successful commercial artists; illustrated with color and black-and-white reproductions; indexed

Begley, Kathleen A. DEADLINE. Putnam, 1977. 149 p. $6.95. elem-6 jhs shs

Autobiography of young newspaperwoman describing her interest in writing, her first 10 years working her way up to reporter for Philadelphia INQUIRER; reflects change in assignments for women reporters, who formerly worked chiefly on "society pages"; simply written, easily read

Belsky, Dick. THE JUICE: FOOTBALL'S SUPERSTAR O. J. SIMPSON. Walck, 1977. 58 p. $6.95. elem jhs

A sprint through the career of O. J. Simpson which offers little on O. J. the private citizen, focusing on Simpson the sportscaster, motion picture performer, record-breaking NFL running back; will only whet appetites of discerning readers, but fine fare for secondary "reluctant" readers; black-and-white photos

Blank, Joseph P. 19 STEPS UP THE MOUNTAIN: THE STORY OF THE DEBOLT FAMILY. Lippincott, 1976. 234 p. $7.95. shs

Beautiful account of DeBolt family who adopted 13 severely handicapped children of assorted racial backgrounds, embraced them as their own, provided just the critical blend of compassion, understanding, discipline to prepare them for productive, meaningful lives; poignant, delightful reading

Blumberg, Rhoda. FIRST LADIES. Watts, 1977. 63 p. $4.47. jhs shs

One-page or one-and-a-half-page biographical sketches of Presidential wives, White House hostesses (e.g., James Buchanan's niece); portraits with almost every selection; smooth reading; clear print; anecdotal appeal as well as factual substance

Blumberg, Stanley A., and Gwinn Owens. ENERGY AND CONFLICT: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF EDWARD TELLER. Putnam, 1976. 492 p. $12.95. shs

First full-length biography of physicist, Edward Teller, father of hydrogen bomb and principal figure in creation of Nuclear Age; fair, objective account of a complex man, his sundered relationships and precarious health--the price exacted for his contribution; Teller's vital role in developing hydrogen bomb, his conservative political views, are examined in "after-Watergate" reproachful context; cooperation of Teller and his family and supporters permit sympathetic view full play also; excellent independent study resource

Blumenfeld, Ralph, et al. HENRY KISSINGER: THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC STORY. NAL, 1974. 326 p. $1.75 paper. shs

Readable, popular biography of Henry Kissinger which attempts to piece together puzzles of his character and personality, quoting extensively from named and unnamed sources close to Kissinger; analyzes apparent personality change wrought by Kissinger's divorce from his first wife, subsequent rise to power; informal, fast reading; black-and-white photos; useful tool for assessing Nixon era, men who shape foreign policy (Yadkin County)

Bowle, John. NAPOLEON. Follett, 1975. 232 p. $10. shs

Excellent account of Napoleon, his career and impact on European and English history; extremely well illustrated with paintings, drawings, engravings, occasional photographs--some in color; for serious students of history

Bowman, Kathleen. NEW WOMEN IN POLITICS. Childrens, 1976. 47 p. $4.95. elem jhs

Seven well-written biographies of women currently involved in nation's political system, including consumer activist Bess Myerson, union organizer Delores Huerta, and U. S. Representatives Patsy Mink and Barbara Jordan; attractive format; large, clear, black-and-white photos of each woman; positive images of women and minority cultures

Brandt, Keith. PETE ROSE: "MR. 300." Putnam, 1977. 123 p. $5.29. elem jhs

Story of Pete Rose, Cincinnati Reds baseball star and major league headliner; easy language; appealing to sports-minded students who like "hero" stories; from Sports Shelf Biographies series

Braun, Thomas. NADIA COMANECI. Childrens 1977. 31 p. $4.95. elem jhs

Slick, full-page, color photographs illustrate technical look at Olympics and gymnastics; factual but uninspired content; student interest and lack of material on this new heroine justify purchase; high-interest/low-vocabulary possibilities for senior highs

Brenner, Barbara. ON THE FRONTIER WITH MR. AUDUBON. Described on Fiction Books Advisory List

Brosnan, Jim. THE TED SIMMONS STORY. Putnam, 1977. 157 p. $5.29. elem jhs

Biography of St. Louis Cardinals catcher written by former Big League pitcher; as much about baseball as about Simmons--managers, clubs, commissioner, etc., discussed in relation to Simmons as picture of big-business baseball emerges; lots of action for sports fans

Campion, Nardi Reeder. ANN THE WORD: THE LIFE OF MOTHER ANN LEE, FOUNDER OF THE SHAKERS. Little, 1976. 208 p. $6.95. jhs shs

Sympathetic study of Ann Lee who founded Shaker religious sect; Ann's childhood, most of which was spent toiling in the mill, her clashes with 18th-century English society over role of women, her unorthodox religious beliefs, her migration to America and subsequent struggle for survival are aptly illustrated; basic tenets of Shaker sect--e.g., sex is true source of human corruption--are factually, frankly examined; preview before purchase; only for mature senior high school students

Carter, Jimmy. WHY NOT THE BEST? Bantam, 1975. 179 p. $1.95 paper. jhs-9 shs

The President's fast-reading autobiography is detached, well organized, quiet and understated, with subtle humor occasionally; emphasizes his agrarian roots, family life, religious commitment, idealistic politics; easy reading; those who read this book to discover the man behind the enigma will be disappointed--Carter maintains a reserved, almost clinical image in print; still, here's a dependable index to the President's thinking and values--and he actually wrote it himself (Yadkin County)

Chidsey, Donald Barr. ANDREW JACKSON, HERO. Nelson, 1976. 220 p. $7.95. jhs-9 shs

Our first non-aristocratic President and the period in which he lived colorfully recalled in well-organized, well-written account; writing style will appeal to above-average students; bibliography; index; small print

Clyne, Patricia Edwards. PATRIOTS IN PETTICOATS. Dodd, 1976. 144 p. $4.95. elem jhs-7

Dramatized histories of 17 unknown heroines of American Revolution who helped, spied, or aided the army; last chapter briefly mentions other memorable women; black-and-white illustrations; fewer women done in greater depth would have been less confusing, but adequate material for American history

Coerr, Eleanor. JANE GOODALL. Putnam, 1976. 61 p. $4.29. prim elem-4

Easy, large-print biography of scientist known for chimpanzee studies in Africa; Jane Goodall's childhood, educational aspirations, African experiments, marriage, divorce, and supportive mother are covered; pencil drawings throughout

Coerr, Eleanor. SADAKO AND THE THOUSAND PAPER CRANES. Putnam, 1977. 64 p. $6.95. elem

Sadako, young Japanese girl, is subject of memorial to children in Hiroshima who died from atomic bomb radiation; her courage and the good-luck paper cranes (birds) she fashioned for countless other young victims made her a heroine to Japanese children; beauty of text, poignant illustrations by Ronald Himler, blend in classic plea for peace; simple, sensitive style

Coolidge, Olivia. THE STATESMANSHIP OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN. Scribners, 1976. 237 p. $7.95. shs

Sequel to THE APPRENTICESHIP OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, this title looks only at years, 1860-1865, analyzing Lincoln's political astuteness, interpreting his statesmanship; original photographs and maps; indexed; excellent social studies addition for independent study

Cooper, Wyatt. FAMILIES: A MEMOIR AND A CELEBRATION. Bantam, 1975. 193 p. $1.75 paper. shs-12

First-person essays on the author's ancestry, his and Gloria Vanderbilt Cooper's family, and the "universal family"; written with humor, insight, sensitivity, and style; marvelous wit, insight, and gentleness in a reflective look at two specific families with wisdom applicable to all families; challenges readers to consider solutions for strengthening the quality and fiber of family life; very adult approach; for mature high school students and teachers of family life courses

Coy, Harold. THE FIRST BOOK OF PRESIDENTS. Rev. ed. Watts, 1977. 66 p. $4.47. elem jhs

Capsule summaries of basic functions of Presidency: why we have a President, who can be President, how a President is elected, inauguration, main duties, traveling demands, salary, Presidential cabinet, household, social life, the White House, meaning of symbols--donkey and elephant; interesting biographical information on and portrait of each President (including Jimmy Carter); index; for quick reference on basic facts; extremely easy reading; attractive publication

Curry, George E. JAKE GAITHER: AMERICA'S MOST FAMOUS BLACK COACH. Dodd, 1977. 209 p. $7.95. shs

Straight-shooting presentation of controversial Jake Gaither, former Florida A&M football coach; describes Gaither, one-time high school basketball coach in Henderson, N. C., as namedropping braggart according to some, and dedicated, generous coach according to others; excellent analysis of integration's effects on black educational institutions, athletes, coaches

Davidson, Margaret. THE GOLDA MEIR STORY. Scribners, 1976. 211 p. $6.95. jhs shs-10

Clear, readable account of Israeli Prime Minister, Golda Meir, emphasizing profound effect her early childhood in Russia had on her commitment to national state for Jews; her intense resolution to aid Jewish Zionism, even to exclusion of family concerns, is well captured; fictionalized dialogue; thorough, fast-paced

Dorman, Michael. THE GEORGE WALLACE MYTH. Described on Social Studies Advisory List

du Maurier, Daphne. THE WINDING STAIR: FRANCIS BACON, HIS RISE AND FALL. Doubleday, 1977. 224 p. $10. shs

Scholarly treatment of last 25 years of Francis Bacon's life, events and personalities of period, 1601-1626; his writing mentioned but not analyzed; for collections requiring extensive reference; very small print

Dunlop, Ian. VAN GOGH. Follett, 1975. 232 p. $10.95. shs

Much needed biography of one of most popular, interesting, of the great painters; many black-and-white illustrations, some in color, mostly reproductions of Van Gogh's work; personal, yet authoritative; for advanced senior high students; handsome publication; bibliography and index

Edwards, Anne. THE GREAT HOUDINI. Putnam, 1977. 63 p. $4.29. prim-3 elem-4

Brief, beginner's biographical sketch of Houdini, his early history and development as a magician; very large print; no index; black-and-white drawings

Edwards, Audrey, and Gary Wohl. THE PICTURE LIFE OF MUHAMMAD ALI. Watts, 1976. unp. $4.33. prim-3 elem jhs-7

Easy text, many black-and-white photographs on Muhammad Ali from age 22 until his second defeat of Joe Frazier in Philippines; large, dark print, lavishly illustrated text; high-interest/low-vocabulary selection for remedial secondary students

Engle, Paul. WOMEN IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. Follett, 1976. 299 p. $9.95. shs

Eighteen sketches of Revolutionary heroines--battlefield heroines, literary ladies, ladies of the opposition, women on their own, women involved through their families; includes Mary Slocumb of North Carolina; contributes to shattering stereotypes of women's abilities, character; bibliography; index; sophisticated reading

Faber, Doris. BELLA ABZUG. Lothrop, 1976. 162 p. $5.94. elem jhs

Bella Abzug's life from childhood through Columbia Law School, marriage, law practice, activism, three terms in House of Representatives; captures her intensity, enthusiasm for social concerns but treats her personal life somewhat patronizingly from militantly feminist view; photos; interesting, informal

Feerick, John D. and Emalie P. THE FIRST BOOK OF VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES. Rev. ed. Watts, 1977. 93 p. $4.47. elem jhs

Introduces readers to office and duties of Vice President; portraits and brief text on Vice Presidents from John Adams to Walter Mondale; easy reading; interesting anecdotes in biographical paragraphs; indexed; for quick reference; high-interest/low-vocabulary possibilities for senior high schools

Felton, Harold W. DEBORAH SAMPSON: SOLDIER OF THE REVOLUTION. Dodd, 1976. 111 p. $4.95. elem jhs

Story of Deborah Sampson who enlisted in Revolutionary Army as "Robert Shirtliff," participated in battle, was offered officer's commission, suffered injury at which time her sex was discovered; many fictionalized dialogues, etc., eliminate this from strictly biographical category

Felton, Harold W. NANCY WARD, CHEROKEE. Dodd, 1975. 89 p. $4.95. elem jhs

Fast-reading biography of Nancy Ward, daughter of English settler and Cherokee woman, who led Cherokees during Revolutionary War era; depicts Indians' sad plight, culminating in "Trail of Tears"; pen-and-ink drawings; index; excellent tribute to this woman for middle grade/junior high school collections (Wilkes County)

Forman, James. CODE NAME VALKYRIE: COUNT VON STAUFFENBERG AND THE PLOT TO KILL HITLER. Dell, 1973. 236 p. $1.25 paper. jhs shs

Fast-moving biography of Claus von Stauffenberg recounting his feelings for oppressed Jews, others whom he saw when serving with German Army; while recuperating from war injuries, he became obsessed with idea of ridding Germany of Hitler; returning to duty, he was almost successful, but bravely faced firing squad in the end; absorbing reading (Yadkin County)

Fowler, Carol. CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMEN: ART. Dillon, 1976. 151 p. $6.95. jhs shs

Representative women who made significant contributions to American art: Mary Cassatt, Grandma Moses, Georgia O'Keeffe, Louise Nevelson, Helen Frankenthaler, Suzanne Jackson; emphasis on evolution as artists; does not concentrate on fact they are women; simple, accurate descriptions of art medium and history; short bibliography; illustrated

Fowler, Carol. DAISY HOOEE NAMPEYO. Dillon, 1977. 74 p. $5.95. elem jhs

Inspiring life story of modern-day Hopi Indian artisan well known for her sculpture, jewelry, pottery; will spark interest in art, biographies, and social studies; frequent black-and-white photos keep younger readers interested (Wake County)

Fox, Mary Virginia. LADY FOR THE DEFENSE: A BIOGRAPHY OF BELVA LOCKWOOD. Harcourt, 1975. 158 p. $6.50. elem jhs

Relates struggle for women's rights led by Bella Lockwood, first woman to practice law before Supreme Court and first woman candidate for President; quite fictionalized; bibliography; no index; interesting reading

Fritz, Jean. WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, BEN FRANKLIN? Coward, 1976. 48 p. $6.95. prim-3 elem

Another lighthearted look at distinguished American patriot in vein of Jean Fritz's previous WHY DON'T YOU GET A HORSE, SAM ADAMS? and WILL YOU SIGN HERE, JOHN HANCOCK?; tongue-in-cheek, fast-paced, zany biography that combines merriment, irreverence, and hard facts; Margot Tome's droll illustrations complement text perfectly

Fryatt, Norma R. SARAH JOSEPHA HALE: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF A NINETEENTH-CENTURY CAREER WOMAN. Hawthorn, 1975. 152 p. $6.95. jhs shs

Interesting account of Sarah Josepha Hale, well-known editor of 19th-century GODEY'S LADIES BOOK, pioneer in education for women, founder of Vassar College--and author of the jingle, "Mary's Lamb"; not a penetrating study of this complex woman but an adequate one; indexed; attractive format

Gaeddert, LouAnn. ALL-IN-ALL: A BIOGRAPHY OF GEORGE ELIOT. Dutton, 1976. 138 p. $7.95. jhs shs

Swift-moving account of Mary Ann Evans, or "George Eliot," stressing early influences on Evans' life which molded her extraordinary career as translater, editor, novelist (SILAS MARNER); her relationship with George Lewes fully but tastefully recounted; especially interesting in view of Victorian period in which this woman achieved success

Gifford, Frank, with Charles Mangel. GIFFORD ON COURAGE. Evans, 1976. 253 p. $8.95. Also available from Bantam for $1.95 paper. shs

Inspirational accounts of 10 male athletes who conquered adversity in informal records of outstanding men from football, baseball, basketball, and golf who

GIFFORD ON COURAGE. (Cont'd)

overcame tremendous physical and/or psychological handicaps to reach the top; well written, highly interesting

Gill, Brendan. LINDBERGH ALONE. Harcourt, 1977. 216 p. $11.95. jhs shs

History of first flight across Atlantic and biography of Charles Lindbergh which draws heavily on WE; early family details given, but greater emphasis on how his life and aviation intertwined; oversized, well-designed book; for reference and interest reading; handsome publication

Graham, Shirley. JULIUS K. NYERERE: TEACHER OF AFRICA. Messner, 1975. 191 p. $5.29. jhs

Very positive picture of Julius K. Nyerere from childhood in African village, educational and teaching background, to leadership in bringing independence to Tanganyika, joining it with Zanzibar to form Tanzania and becoming its first President; interesting insight into effects of colonialism in Africa; Nyerere's political philosophy well explained; fictional dialogue very well handled (Wilkes County)

Grant, Michael. CAESAR. Follett, 1975. 232 p. $10. shs

Concise, factual account of life in Rome during Caesar's reign; elucidates key events in scholarly, serious text; profusely illustrated with black-and-white and colored photographs; maps; bibliography; index

Greenfield, Eloise. MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE. Crowell, 1977. 32 p. $6.95. prim-3 elem-4

"I leave you faith, I leave you hope, I leave you love"--a message Mary McLeod Bethune lived as educator and humanitarian serving black community; simply told, enlightening; more personal and a little more advanced than LaVere Anderson's biography; illustrated with pencil drawings

Guthrie, Woody. SEEDS OF MAN: AN EXPERIENCE LIVED AND DREAMED. Dutton, 1976. 401 p. $11.95. shs-12

The 1930's in Southwest America vibrantly re-created by one of our great folk artists; Guthrie's eye for detail, yarn spinning, dialects direct this gutsy narrative; great caution should be exercised in recommending this frank account to the pedestrians for whom it was written; preview before purchase

Gutman, Bill. MODERN HOCKEY SUPERSTARS. Dodd, 1976. 111 p. $4.95. elem jhs shs

Brief sketches of Stan Mikita, Phil Esposito, Dennis Potvin, Bobby Clarke, Ken Dryden, Bobby Orr; for sports collections where hockey fans are strong; one title from a high-interest/low-vocabulary series

Haskins, James. THE LIFE AND DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Lothrop, 1977. 176 p. $5.21. jhs shs

Well-written, objective biography which also explores unanswered questions about assassination of Dr. King; updates available information; some photos; useful for social justice and civil rights studies

Haskins, James S. ALWAYS MOVIN' ON: THE LIFE OF LANGSTON HUGHES. Watts, 1976. 117 p. $6.90. jhs shs

Revealing account of outstanding black American writer which shows ugly realities of prejudice in American life, yet remains inspiring; includes poems, photographs; bibliography; index

Hayden, Robert C., and Jacqueline Harris. NINE BLACK AMERICAN DOCTORS. Addison, 1976. 144 p. $4.88. jhs shs

Nine black American doctors discussed individually, including two women; emphasizes individual contributions--e.g., researching against sickle cell anemia,

NINE BLACK AMERICAN DOCTORS. (Cont'd)

fighting for desegregation of public hospitals--more than biography; introductory chapter tells of slaves' contribution to medicine; photographs; indexed; useful for black studies and general collection

Hayes, Billy, with William Hoffer. MIDNIGHT EXPRESS. Dutton, 1977. 280 p. $7.95. shs

A young American, trying to smuggle hashish out of Turkey, is caught and imprisoned; after exhausting legal possibilities, he devises escape plot and returns to freedom; drug abuse, punishment, and imprisonment in foreign country vividly described; because of objectionable language and prison sex scenes, this book should be reviewed before purchase

Iverson, Genie. LOUIS ARMSTRONG. Crowell, 1976. 33 p. $5.95. prim-3 elem

Simple, easy-to-read account of life and times of immortal jazz trumpeteer, Louis Armstrong; concentrates briefly on significant episodes in Armstrong's life, providing immediate reward to those with short attention spans; excellent pencil drawings

Jackson, Robert B. FISK OF FENWAY PARK: NEW ENGLAND'S FAVORITE CATCHER. Walck, 1976. 71 p. $5.95. elem jhs shs

Entertaining reading on Red Sox star, Carlton "Pudge" Fisk, New England's "favorite" baseball catcher; exciting moments from 1975 games when Red Sox rebounded to nearly win World Series title; easy reading; black-and-white photos

Jameson, Jon. THE PICTURE LIFE OF O. J. SIMPSON. Watts, 1976. unp. $4.47. prim-3 elem

Brief, simple text, many black-and-white photos trace football superstar, O. J. Simpson, to the top; pictures sometimes uncorrelated with text but always well captioned; useful to motivate reluctant readers

Johnson, William Oscar, and Nancy P. Williamson. "WHATTA-GAL": THE BABE DIDRIKSON STORY. Little, 1977. 224 p. $8.95. jhs shs

Surveys the struggles and accomplishments of American athletic heroine, Babe Didrikson, depicting her athletic prowess, courage, positive and negative aspects of her sometimes overpowering personality; objective biography which presents a very human heroine; photos (Wake County)

Jordan, Ruth. GEORGE SAND: A BIOGRAPHICAL PORTRAIT. Taplinger, 1976. 368 p. $12.50. shs

Marriage, lovers, children, writing, avant-garde life-style of Aurore Dupin, Baroness Dudevant; thoroughly researched and written for a mature audience; fascinating; indexed; illustrated throughout; for reference and individual reading

Jury, Mark, and Dan Jury. GRAMP. Described on Guidance Advisory List

Kearns, Doris. LYNDON JOHNSON AND THE AMERICAN DREAM. Harper, 1976. 432 p. $12.50. Also available from NAL for $2.50 paper. shs

Described on January 1977 Biography Advisory List

Kronenberger, Louis. OSCAR WILDE. Little, 1976. 236 p. $8.95. shs

Sympathetic portrait of novelist, poet, playwright, critic, and wit whose career and health were ruined by imprisonment for homosexual practices; background on his parents, his unusual upbringing; literary works discussed; enlivened by Wilde's celebrated *bon mots*; bibliographical note; index; literate and engrossing

Lacy, Robert. MAJESTY: ELIZABETH II AND THE HOUSE OF WINDSOR. Harcourt, 1977. 349 p. $12.95. shs

Thoroughly researched biography of Queen Elizabeth II of England and a modern history of institution of monarchy; historical perspective through consistent references to George V, Edward VIII, George VI; extensive appendices; readable, chatty, with ring of authenticity; Elizabeth's character--solid and of high seriousness--emerges warm, down-to-earth as well; for the true Anglophile; photographs

Landvater, Dorothy. DAVID: A MOTHER'S STORY OF HER SON'S RECOVERY FROM A COMA AND BRAIN DAMAGE. Prentice, 1976. 157 p. $6.95. jhs shs

Deeply moving account of step-by-step fight for recovery by 17-year-old boy involved in serious accident, unwavering support of his mother, family, friends, and phenomenal results of his gallant struggle; inspirational; useful to guidance counselors (Yadkin County)

Lee, Laurel. WALKING THROUGH THE FIRE: A HOSPITAL JOURNAL. Dutton, 1977. 113 p. $6.95. jhs shs

Compassionate diary-story of young woman expecting her third child who discovered she had Hodgkins disease, her experiences with family, doctors, hospitals during her pregnancy and radiation treatment; inspiring, sad, humorous, readable

Lengyel, Emil. AND ALL HER PATHS WERE PEACE: THE LIFE OF BERTHA VON SUTTNER. Nelson, 1975. 144 p. $6.95. jhs shs

First woman to win Nobel Peace Prize, Baroness Bertha Von Suttner devoted her life to promoting peace; encouraged by her husband, organized conferences, presided over committees, lectured, wrote constantly promoting peace; helped persuade Alfred Nobel to establish the Peace Prize; indexed (Alexander County)

Liss, Howard. THE PICTURE STORY OF WALT FRAZIER. Messner, 1976. 63 p. $5.79. elem jhs shs

Whose are the "fastest hands in the East"? Which famous basketball star goes by the handle of "Clyde"? Walt Frazier's career in picture and word from his youth in Atlanta, to college, to professional ranks; many black-and-white photos; "reluctant" reader fare

McGovern, Ann. THE SECRET SOLDIER: THE STORY OF DEBORAH SAMPSON. Four Winds, 1975. 62 p. $5.95. elem

At 23 Deborah Sampson enlisted in Continental Army as a man and fought as one; wounds led to discovery of her sex; simple, reliable text shows patriotism as well as what a woman can accomplish

McKuen, Rod. FINDING MY FATHER: ONE MAN'S SEARCH FOR IDENTITY. Coward, 1976. 253 p. $7.95. jhs-9 shs

Rod McKuen, born illegitimately to a dancer who never discussed Rod's father, records the search begun in a little boy's mind for his unknown father and the self-identity achieved through artistic success; no-holds-barred account of McKuen's wide experience (Wilkes County)

McMillan, George. THE MAKING OF AN ASSASSIN: THE LIFE OF JAMES EARL RAY. Little, 1976. 318 p. $8.95. shs

Well-written, compelling account of convicted assassin of Martin Luther King, Jr.; painstakingly reconstructs events in life of James Earl Ray leading to April 4, 1968; fascinating insight into mind, forces driving an assassin; thoroughly researched; fast reading

Madison, Arnold. CARRY NATION. Nelson, 1977. 162 p. $6.95. shs

Perceiving the great misery alcohol caused in her own family, Carry Nation sparked battle for temperance, literally smashed saloons with rocks and her famous hatchets, went willingly to jail; convincingly demonstrates how one person can change course of events; interesting content on a woman's fight in a man's world; tiny print

Manchester, Harland. NEW TRAIL BLAZERS OF TECHNOLOGY. Scribners, 1976. 214 p. $7.95. shs

Brief biographies of 10 inventors, including inventors of lasers, transistors, Polaroid camera, CATV, and Wankel engine, among others who contributed to modern technology; photographs; reference notes; bibliography; index

Mann, Peggy, and Vivian W. Siegal. THE MAN WHO BOUGHT HIMSELF: THE STORY OF PETER STILL. Macmillan, 1975. 215 p. $7.95. elem-6 jhs shs

Fictionalized biography of Peter Still, 19th-century free black kidnapped at age of six by slave trader and sold to Kentucky brickyard owner; Peter's 30-year effort to regain freedom, reunite his family, simply, movingly recounted; draws heavily on Peter's own telling of his story in THE KIDNAPPED AND THE REDEEMED (1856); easy reading; excellent resource in both history and English classes for renewing black pride and strength (Wilkes County)

Martin, John Bartlow. ADLAI STEVENSON OF ILLINOIS: THE LIFE OF ADLAI E. STEVENSON. Anchor, 1976. 828 p. $6.95 paper. shs

Ten years of research on Adlai Stevenson's private papers in definitive biography; appendices list political contributors, speeches, etc.; source notes; index; adult treatment; thick paperback with inherent binding problems

Massie, Robert and Suzanne. JOURNEY. Knopf, 1975. 417 p. $8.95. shs

Robert Massie, who wrote so understandingly of Tsarevich Alexis's hemophilia in NICHOLAS AND ALEXANDRA, recounts with his wife, Suzanne, their own poignant experience with their hemophiliac son, Bobby; touching story of a courageous family's struggle to provide a normal family life (Wilkes County)

Mossiker, Frances. POCAHONTAS: THE LIFE AND THE LEGEND. Knopf, 1976. 383 p. $12.95. shs

Well-documented life and legends of Pocahontas, John Smith, and John Rolfe; as much Jamestown history as biography; appendices, notes, bibliography, index; good reference for study of Virginia; difficult and lengthy, but interesting; only for most capable readers

Murray, Florence J., M.D. AT THE FOOT OF DRAGON HILL. Dutton, 1975. 240 p. $7.95. jhs-9 shs

Story of Florence Murray, Canadian surgeon and medical missionary in Korea and Manchuria for 42 years among primitive conditions, cultural hardships (women were considered unworthy of having names); Dr. Murray coped with humor, worked to spread Christian faith; inspiring for women's studies

Murray, Tom, ed. *SPORT* MAGAZINE'S ALL-TIME ALL STARS: A *SPORT* MAGAZINE BOOK. Atheneum, 1977. 454 p. $9.95. jhs shs

Twenty-two selected articles from SPORT magazine's "all-time" baseball "all-stars"; biographies of players from both National and American Leagues, covering 107-year span of baseball history; well edited, very readable

Neimark, Anne E. SIGMUND FREUD: THE WORLD WITHIN. Harcourt, 1976. 120 p. $6.95. jhs shs

Skillfully written record of Sigmund Freud's life and scientific pioneering in psychic realms; without oversimplifying, the book examines Freud's major concepts

SIGMUND FREUD: THE WORLD WITHIN. (Cont'd)

in terms understandable to secondary students; drawn from both primary and secondary sources; some fictionalizing (imagined dialogues, thoughts); lucid introduction to founder of psychoanalysis that translates Freud's vision for this age group

Nies, Judith. SEVEN WOMEN: PORTRAITS FROM THE AMERICAN RADICAL TRADITION. Viking, 1977. 236 p. $8.95. shs

Brief life stories of Sarah Grimké, Harriet Tubman, Elizabeth Stanton, Mother Jones, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Anna Louise Strong, Dorothy Day who challenged and changed social institutions; significant details from private and public lives; issues explained in historical perspective; highly readable, meticulously researched; superb resource for reports and papers; fine text to round out history course which includes few women; bibliography

Oates, Stephen B. WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE: THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN. Harper, 1977. 492 p. $15.95. shs

Lengthy, scholarly biography of Abraham Lincoln from his law career to Presidency; vivid details of personal history and leadership of Union forces, showing Lincoln's human side; photographs, reference notes, index; small print; attractive, appealing for capable history scholars

O'Brien, W. F., trans. ANDRÉS SEGOVIA: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF THE YEARS 1893-1920. Macmillan, 1976. 207 p. $10.95. jhs shs

Andrés Segovia details in diary-journal his struggle to master techniques of classical form for the guitar and recalls friends, acquaintances, who promoted him in concert appearances from his birth in 1893 until he left Spain in 1920; excellent addition to biography collections

Paige, David. ROBERT REDFORD. Childrens, 1977. 31 p. $4.95. elem jhs

Skeleton biography of actor Robert Redford, stressing talent, hard work, perseverance, but assessing life and success largely by monetary standards; attractive for poor readers or nonreaders; a cut above movie magazine caliber; some photos; one title from a series

Paulsen, Gary, and Dan Theis. MARTIN LUTHER KING: THE MAN WHO CLIMBED THE MOUNTAIN. Childrens, 1976. 63 p. $4.95. elem jhs

Chronological account of efforts to focus public attention on plight of black Americans to gain equal rights; rather like a eulogy--all high praise; dynamically told; fair illustrations

Plath, Sylvia. LETTERS HOME: CORRESPONDENCE 1950-1963. SELECTED AND EDITED WITH COMMENTARY BY AURELIA SCHOBER PLATH. Harper, 1975. 502 p. $12.50. Also available from Bantam for $2.50 paper. shs

Described on January 1977 Biography Advisory List

Powers, Elizabeth. THE JOURNAL OF MADAME ROYALE. Walker & Co., 1976. 150 p. $7.39. shs

Although paraphrased, essentially the diary kept by oldest daughter of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette during three years' imprisonment; her father, mother, and aunt were executed, her brother the Dauphin died from mistreatment, but plucky Marie Therèse Charlotte survived; epilogue summarizes her long life; intimate, readable biography

Resnick, Rose. SUN AND SHADOW. Atheneum, 1975. 274 p. $10. shs

Autobiography of blind New Yorker's experiences as a child learning to play piano, music scholarships to Europe and California, earning living and continually running into prejudices and incompetent people within agencies devoted to the blind; convincingly conveys that real agony of blindness is attitudes, not sightlessness

Rice, Edward. MARX, ENGELS, AND THE WORKERS OF THE WORLD. Four Winds, 1977. 184 p. $7.95. jhs shs

Study of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engles, their early lives, gradual endorsement of communism, collaboration on COMMUNIST MANIFESTO; Marx and DAS KAPITAL discussed in detail; photographs; index

Ross, Walter S. THE LAST HERO: CHARLES A. LINDBERGH. Rev. ed. Harper, 1976. 400 p. $12.50. jhs shs

Attempts to separate myth from fact in biography of Charles A. Lindbergh based on known data and verifiable fact, much of it from Lindbergh's autobiographical WE and THE SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS and from a critique of this book by Lindbergh himself; special section of photographs (Yadkin County)

Rowdon, Maurice. LEONARDO DA VINCI. Follett, 1975. 230 p. $10.95. shs-12

Excellent account of great man of Italian painting--his life, attitudes, beliefs which may have contributed to the style and force of Leonardo's work; handsomely and profusely illustrated

Rubin, Bob. ALL-STARS OF THE NFL. Random, 1976. 153 p. $3.69. elem jhs shs

Accomplished but less publicized professional football players assume center stage in black-and-white photos and untrying text which scrutinize pro careers of Bill Bergey, Isaac Curtis, Ken Houston, to mention a few, with O. J. Simpson and Terry Bradshaw the only headliners included

Rudeen, Kenneth. MUHAMMAD ALI. Crowell, 1976. 33 p. $5.95. elem

Story of rise, fall, and re-emergence of Muhammad Ali as perhaps greatest boxer of all time; written specifically for upper elementary grades, possibly useful with poor secondary readers; short sentences, easy vocabulary; outstanding illustrations, though some in color would enhance appeal

Sabin, Louis. THE FABULOUS DR. J: ALL-TIME ALL-STAR. Putnam, 1976. 123 p. $5.29. elem jhs shs

Lively oratory describing Julius Irving's pre-NBA basketball miracles drawn from Erving's fellow professionals and coaches who testify to his multiple talents; Sabin seldom hesitates to call 'em as he sees 'em concerning some notables of pro basketball (shame on you, Charlie Scott!)

Sabin, Louis. JOHNNY BENCH: KING OF CATCHERS. Putnam, 1977. 127 p. $5.29. elem jhs

Johnny Bench's rise to stardom in biography of the Cincinnati Reds catcher who realized life-long dream; fast reading; a few photos; from Putnam's Sports Shelf Biographies series

Schulke, Flip, ed. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. A DOCUMENTARY...MONTGOMERY TO MEMPHIS. Norton, 1976. 224 p. $10. $5.95 paper. jhs shs

Photo-essay on life and times of Martin Luther King, Jr., from Montgomery Bus Boycott to assassination in 1968; highlighted with actual photographs; several of King's best-known speeches appended; highly emotional photos capture pathos, stoicism, grim courage of first Civil Rights leaders; ugly white mood also depicted; easy to read; case of a "picture is worth a thousand words"

Severn, Bill. FRANCES PERKINS: A MEMBER OF THE CABINET. Hawthorn, 1976. 256 p. $7.95. jhs shs

Reviews professional life of first woman member of U. S. Cabinet whose lifelong involvement in social welfare began at Chicago's Hull House with Jane Addams; interesting, well-written book about a significant person; useful insights into mechanics of government agencies

Sive, Helen R. MUSIC'S CONNECTICUT YANKEE: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF CHARLES IVES. Atheneum, 1977. 141 p. $6.95. shs

Much needed biography of unusual American composer, his background, education, life as businessman and musician; especially inspiring for those familiar with Ives's musical style; not a book of musical analysis; senior high vocabulary

Smaridge, Norah. FAMOUS LITERARY TEAMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. Dodd, 1977. 152 p. $5.50. elem jhs

Seventeen pairs of literary personalities associated with children's books, ranging from the Brothers Grimm to Tom and Muriel Feelings; omits the Dillons; each biographical sketch includes personal data, information about works produced; introduces children to authors, illustrators

Smith, Beatrice S. FROM PEANUTS TO PRESIDENT. Childrens, 1977. 47 p. $4.95. prim-3 elem

A determined peanut farmer achieves success from early childhood--attends Naval Academy, takes over family business, serves as state senator and governor, is elected President of United States; Jimmy Carter for young children; big print; captioned photos

Specht, Robert. TISHA: THE STORY OF A YOUNG TEACHER IN THE ALASKA WILDERNESS. Bantam, 1976. 342 p. $1.95 paper. shs

Autobiographical adventure story, slightly fictionalized, of young teacher in small Alaskan mining village circa 1930's; 19-year-old Anne Hobbs struggles against harsh climate, village prejudice, teaches in one-room school, loves half-Indian native, adopts two half-breed children; good high-interest story, fun to read, with a strong heroine and realistic insights into Alaskan village and Indian life

Spence, Jonathan D. EMPEROR OF CHINA: SELF-PORTRAIT OF K'ANG-HSI. Vintage, 1974. 227 p. $10. $4.95 paper. shs

Self-portrait of K'ang-hsi, Emperor of China, 1654-1722, drawn in speculative, informal essays on his life, reign, intellectual pursuits, love of plants, feelings about growing old; humanizing insight into the man; handsomely prepared paperback; excellent outside reading for highly motivated students in cultures program; sophisticated vocabulary

Sullivan, George. THE PICTURE STORY OF CATFISH HUNTER. Messner, 1977. 63 p. $6.64. elem jhs-7

Photos accompany clear, simple text, well spaced to appeal to younger sports fans; covers Catfish Hunter's life, emphasizing baseball career; motivating for reluctant readers

Syme, Ronald. OSCEOLA: SEMINOLE LEADER. Morrow, 1976. 96 p. $4.81. elem

Life of Seminole Indian leader, Asi-Yahola (Osceola), who led tribe's effort to stay in Florida when ordered to Oklahoma reservation; oversimplified, almost historical fiction, but does indicate feelings of a mistreated minority

Thomas, Lowell, and Edward Jablonski. DOOLITTLE: A BIOGRAPHY. Doubleday, 1976. 368 p. $8.95. shs

Chronicles life of James H. Doolittle, aeronautical engineer, wartime ace, aviation pioneer; fast moving; comprehensive and detailed

Tourtellot, Arthur Bernon. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN: THE SHAPING OF GENIUS, THE BOSTON YEARS. Doubleday, 1977. 459 p. $10.95. shs-12

Exhaustive account of Benjamin Franklin's first 17 years; thoroughly documented; interestingly written; primarily for adult scholars; purchase only if additional materials of this caliber are needed for reference, honors students, teachers' use

Walker, Barbara J. THE PICTURE LIFE OF JIMMY CARTER. Watts, 1977. unp. $4.47. prim

Brief, easy text, black-and-white photos trace Carter from Plains to the White House; text admits to questions about how good Carter was as Governor of Georgia--unusual in such a simple treatment

Walker, Greta. WALT DISNEY. Putnam, 1977. 61 p. $4.29. prim elem-4

Big print spaced for young eyes in brief text on life and work of Walt Disney; readers will be interested in method Disney used in creating cartoons; soft, attractive pencil drawings; a See and Read biography; (young readers are likely to spot inconsistency of a steer pictured in a drawing which is referred to as a sow in text)

Walser, Richard. THOMAS WOLFE UNDERGRADUATE. Duke U. Pr., 1977. 166 p. $8.75. shs

Anecdotal, folksy, biographical account of Thomas Wolfe and his friends during undergraduate days at Chapel Hill; a roll call of friends from many professions and the arts; photographs; well researched; indexed; for high schools expanding collections on Wolfe and for Wolfe fans

Warner, Lucille Schulberg. FROM SLAVE TO ABOLITIONIST: THE LIFE OF WILLIAM WELLS BROWN. Dial, 1976. 136 p. $6.95. elem-6 jhs shs

Based on autobiographical outline, this adaptation traces life of William W. Brown from bondage through escape, self-education, career as lecturer, novelist, playwright, historian; detailed accounts of inhumane experiences as a slave in simple, direct language; although account itself offers little new, the pace and reading level commend book for general use

Warner, Oliver. NELSON. Follett, 1975. 231 p. $10. shs

Excellent account of life and times of Lord Nelson and British navy from mid-18th century to early 19th century; lavishly, handsomely illustrated with maps, paintings, cartoons, etc., in color and in black and white; for serious students of history

Wolff, Cynthia Griffin. A FEAST OF WORDS: THE TRIUMPH OF EDITH WHARTON. Oxford U. Pr., 1977. 453 p. $15.95. shs

Erudite biography which also extensively examines fiction of Edith Wharton--why she wrote, psychological implications in her work, writers who influenced her; original research in Wharton Archives is scholarly; psychological interpretations are sensitive, literary; thorough analysis of ETHAN FROME; for teacher use and independent study by mature students

Wright, Richard. AMERICAN HUNGER. Harper, 1977. 146 p. $8.95. shs

Sequel to BLACK BOY, continuing the autobiography of Richard Wright as he leaves Deep South in his teens to find a new life in Chicago in 1930's where he struggles to make a living, determines to change blacks' image, joins Communist movement but finds racial bias and cynicism exist everywhere in American life; well written, provocative

Books in a Series

AMERICANS ALL. Garrard, 1976, 1977. each 96 p. prim-3 elem
Blassingame, Wyatt. WILLIAM BEEBE: UNDERWATER EXPLORER. $3.58
Cornell, Jean Gay. RALPH BUNCHE: CHAMPION OF PEACE. $3.58
Patterson, Lillie. CORETTA SCOTT KING. $3.84

Biography series covering interests, hobbies, education, accomplishments of each

AMERICANS ALL. (Cont'd)

subject; fast moving; drawings and photographs; books on Ralph Bunche and Coretta King for social studies, William Beebe for natural science, all three for independent interest reading

Burchard, Marshall. SPORTS HERO SERIES. Putnam, 1975, 1976. elem jhs shs
DR. J: THE STORY OF JULIUS ERVING. 89 p. $4.99
JIMMY CONNORS. 93 p. $4.99
LARRY CSONKA. 95 p. $4.69
MUHAMMAD ALI. 95 p. $4.99
PHIL ESPOSITO. 95 p. $4.69
REGGIE JACKSON. 93 p. $4.99

Large dark print, many photos enhance Burchard series profiling outstanding athletes in variety of competitive sports; compact overviews of each player's life include the bad with the good--e.g., Jimmy Connors' outbursts on the court--without undue emphasis; up-to-date information through 1975; performance records and glossary of relevant terms appended to some titles; high-interest/low-vocabulary content for senior high

Burchard, S. H. SPORTS STAR (two books). Described on H&PE Advisory List

Books for Teacher Use

Holmes, Richard. SHELLEY: THE PURSUIT. Dutton, 1975. 829 p. $22.50.

Stephen Spender describes this title as "...surely the best biography of Shelley ever written..."; exhaustive, scholarly, but readable; best used by teachers for reference; above-average students might use for research; well documented; fully indexed

Roosevelt, Elliott, and James Brough. A RENDEVOUZ WITH DESTINY: THE ROOSEVELTS OF THE WHITE HOUSE. Putnam, 1975. 446 p. $10.

Firsthand recollection of Roosevelt administration from standpoint of FDR's son, Elliott; reveals the son's total admiration for his father as leader but objectively cites his flaws as a man--enchantment with Lucy Mercer Rutherfurd, duplicity in relationship with Eleanor, often cold-blooded manipulation of those around him; flattering portrait of FDR which strives to be fair but leaves reader with sad impression of a son who feels profoundly overshadowed by powerful personality of his awesome father; good resource for "another point of view" and some intimate family insight into Roosevelt clan (Wake County)

Tomalin, Claire. THE LIFE AND DEATH OF MARY WOLLSTONECRAFT. NAL, 1974. 312 p. $1.95 paper.

Superb biography of Mary Wollstonecraft (1759-97), early feminist and author of A VINDICATION OF THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN, which describes her stormy life, loves (one illegitimate birth), views on rights of women, partisanship for ideas of French Revolution; penetrating insight into complex character; small print and complexity of issues restrict book to teacher use or to very able, keenly interested students whom teachers at their discretion might suggest the book to; splendidly readable, absorbing; based on solid research

BOOKS REVIEWED IN OTHER SOURCES

The books listed below have received favorable reviews in one or more of the following reviewing sources. Code letters for the reviewing sources are cited after the bibliographic entry for each title. The reviewing sources and their code letters are as follows:

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BOOKLIST	BKL
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CHILDREN'S BOOK REVIEW SERVICE	CBRS
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HORN BOOK	HB
KIRKUS REVIEWS	KR
LIBRARY JOURNAL	LJ
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY	PW
SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL	SLJ
SCIENCE AND CHILDREN	SC
SCIENCE BOOKS AND FILMS	SBF
TOP OF THE NEWS	TN
WILSON LIBRARY BULLETIN	WLB

An asterisk after the code letters for the reviewing source indicates that the title was highly recommended in that particular reviewing source.

Burchard, Marshall. SPORTS HERO: FRED LYNN. Putnam, 1976. 95 p. $4.99. prim elem BKL KR SLJ

Burchard, Marshall. SPORTS HERO: MARIO ANDRETTI. Putnam, 1977. 95 p. $4.99. prim elem KR

Burchard, Marshall. SPORTS HERO: PETE ROSE. Putnam, 1976. 95 p. $4.99. prim elem BCCB BKL KR SLJ

Burchard, Marshall. SPORTS HERO: RICK BARRY. Putnam, 1977. 95 p. $4.99. prim elem KR SLJ

Collier, Peter, and David Horowitz. THE ROCKEFELLERS: AN AMERICAN DYNASTY. NAL, 1976. 774 p. $2.75 paper. shs BKL* BRD C KR LJ PW

Hodges, Margaret. KNIGHT PRISONER: THE TALE OF SIR THOMAS MALORY AND HIS KING ARTHUR. 195 p. $7.95. jhs shs-10 BCCB BKL HB KR SLJ

Jules-Verne, Jean. JULES VERNE: A BIOGRAPHY. Taplinger, 1976. 245 p. $10.95. shs BRD C KR LJ PW

Sustein, Emily W. A DIFFERENT FACE: THE LIFE OF MARY WOLLSTONECRAFT. Little, 1975. 383 p. $4.95 paper. shs-12 BKL* BRD KR LJ PW

Verral, Charles Spain. BABE RUTH: SULTAN OF SWAT. Garrard, 1976. 95 p. $3.84. prim-3 elem BKL SLJ